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Dear Mr. Fountos:

On behalf of the National Cancer Institute (NCI), I would like to invite you to attend the "International Workshop on Chornobyl Thyroid Cancer Activities," which will be held on 10-11 September, 2001, in Bethesda, Maryland.

The NCI is currently participating in two collaborative thyroid disease investigations associated with Chornobyl exposures, one in Belarus and one in Ukraine. NCI scientists believe there would be great benefit in convening a workshop of the leaders from other organizations actively working on Chornobyl-related thyroid studies. The main purposes of the workshop will be to learn about the work being done by other groups, explore common interests, and to enhance coordination and collaboration among the various projects. For example, collaborations could be developed to avoid burdening subjects with repeated examinations conducted by different groups.

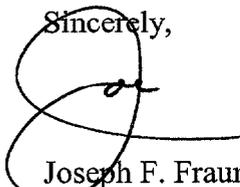
The NCI would be pleased to have you attend the workshop. It will be held at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel, 8400 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland 20814. The language of the workshop will be English. The logistical arrangements for the workshop will be handled by Courtesy Associates, Inc. You will be contacted by Ms. Amy Hartlaub regarding your plans for attendance. Please feel free to contact her (phone 202-331-2000 or 1-800-458-5966; e-mail: hartlaub@courtesyassoc.com).

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either of the workshop organizers, Dr. Ihor J. Masnyk, Director, NCI U.S. Chernobyl Project (phone: 301-594-7659, fax: 301-402-5484, e-mail: masnyki@mail.nih.gov) or Ms. Kathleen Stine, Program Analyst, NCI Chernobyl Research Unit (phone: 301-594-7800, fax: 301-402-5484, e-mail: stinek@mail.nih.gov).

I look forward to seeing you at the workshop.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'J' followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

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